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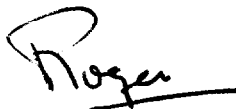
Dear Joshua:

I am sorry to say that we no longer have TR 13 in the collection here, since it was tossed out after the original taxonomic blunder described in the enclosed note had been discovered. I do not think in any case that its further examination could be of scientific interest, since it proved on careful examination to be a typical strain of E. coli and I am sure was already such when we received it from Hutner.

If, in spite of this, you would still like to try to get a culture, I would suggest writing to ~~John~~ Hutner, who may still have it in his collection, or to Gunsalus, who got it from us for enzymatic studies. It might perhaps be of greater interest, however, to try to get hold of some of the pseudomonas species which are reported in Bergey's manual to be indole-producers. As far as I know, there are no post-1952 references to this particular confusion.

With best wishes to you both,

Yours sincerely,



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